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2017 County Health Rankings Available - Johnson County Identified as Healthiest County in the State

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

by County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute have released this year's County Health Rankings. Johnson County has been identified as the healthiest county in Kansas for the second year in a row. The other counties that ranked in the top five healthiest counties of the state are Wabaunsee County, Pottawatomie County, Logan County and Riley County. Labette County was identified as the county with the poorest health in Kansas. The other four counties with the poorest health, starting with the least healthy, are Wyandotte County, Republic County, Osborne County and Wilson County. The Kansas Health Institute has developed individualized data sheets for each Kansas county available for [download](#); these data sheets provide a snapshot of how the county ranked on the different measures over a period of five years. The data sheets also identify measures that had the greatest impact on the county's rank in 2017. In addition to county level results, the County Health Rankings website has made available [reports](#) on state health gaps. Visit the [Kansas webpage](#) on the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps [website](#) for more information on the counties' rankings.

The [County Health Rankings](#) are developed based on a model of population health that emphasizes the many factors that, if improved, can help make communities healthier. The model looks at a combination of two health outcomes and four types of health factors. The two health outcomes examined are how long people live and how healthy people feel while alive. The health factors include [four components](#): health behaviors, clinical care, physical environment, and social and economic factors. More information on how these rankings are developed can be found on the [website](#). The website has incorporated the following new data and features for each county: a new measure on disconnected youth showing the percent of young adults who are not in school or working; a one-click method to find the leading causes of premature death in your county; new data reflecting racial differences among children in poverty; and new trend graphs for the health care costs measure.

2017 Governor's Public Health Conference - Early Bird Registration Deadline is April 7

2017 KANSAS GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE

*by the Local Public Health Program,
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*

The 2017 Governor's Public Health Conference will open with the pre-conference sessions April 25 followed by general conference sessions April 26-27 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan. The Family Health and the Public Health Pre-conference sessions will feature a joint keynote presentation from Dr. Jay Butler, chief medical officer for the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services and director of the Division of Public Health. He is the current president of the Association of State and Territorial Officials (ASTHO) and will speak on the 2017 ASTHO President's Challenge - Public Health Approaches to Preventing Substance Misuse and Addictions. The Family Health Preconference session will also feature sessions on engaging with families and consumers, addressing the developmental needs of children, program updates, community collaboration and Bright Futures. The Public Health preconference session will feature sessions on Public Health 3.0 including an interactive session led by Wichita State University's Center for Public Health Initiatives, a workshop led by Dr. Butler and more. In addition, the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (KADEC) will host an all-day pre-conference session. Topics will include current drug trends, how to identify children living in drug environments and adverse childhood experiences. The Public Health and Family Health Pre-Conferences are being offered at a reduced rate through the funding support of the Public Health Learning Network and the Midwestern Public Health Training Center.

The two day general conference will feature state and nationally recognized keynote speakers including an opening keynote from the University of Denver's Corey Ciocchetti, JD; collaborating on large scale outbreak investigations with Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Johnson County Department of Health and Environment; trauma informed systems of care with Dr. Tiffany Anderson of Topeka Public Schools; and a keynote by Emily Holubowich on demonstrating the value of public health. Additionally, a variety of breakout sessions tailored to meet the changing needs of the populations served through public health programs and initiatives will be offered. View the conference brochure [here](#) for the topics and speakers featured during the breakout sessions. Registration for the 2017 Kansas Governor's Public Health Conference is through KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>, Course ID#1069186.

Celebrate Public Health With National Public Health Week 2017 - April 3 - 9

by American Public Health Association



Join the American Public Health Association (APHA) in celebrating public health through participating in National Public Health Week (NPHW). This year's campaign will take place April 3 - 9 and is themed "Healthiest Nation 2030". NPHW will celebrate public health efforts towards achieving APHA's goal to make the U.S. the healthiest nation in one generation. [Visit the website](#) to view this year's brochure and sign up for updates. Follow APHA on [Twitter](#) for the latest news and [register](#) to join the #NPHWChat on April 5 at 1 p.m. APHA invites you to join the movement through five key steps:

- [Become a partner](#) - Show your support for public health and prevention.
- [Submit an event](#) - Add your NPHW event to the hundreds of celebrations nationwide. Affiliates are encouraged to collaborate on activities.
- [Take action](#) - Take one small step each day for a healthier life.
- [Attend an event](#) - Join your community to celebrate NPHW.
- [Step it up](#) - Join the 1 Billion Steps Challenge.

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Regional Public Health Meetings

*by Teri Caudle, RN, PHN, Local Public Health Program
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The 2017 regional public health meetings are designed to connect local health departments with programs and best practices that will benefit the work you do within your communities. The agenda for the second quarter includes a variety of topics: An Introduction to the National Diabetes Prevention Program and Self-Management Programs, Erin Fletcher, Program Manager Community Clinical Linkages, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Bureau of Health Promotion; What is "Trauma Informed" Public Health System of Care?, Vanessa Lohf, Wichita State University's Community Engagement Institute; and the Kansas Local Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), Ghazala Perveen, KDHE Director of Science and Surveillance, and Pratik Pandya, Advanced Epidemiologist. Register on [KS-TRAIN](#), Course ID#1069679.

The dates and locations for the meetings are:

- Southeast Region, Chanute, April 13
- South Central Region, Hutchinson, May 3
- Southwest Region, Garden City, May 10
- Northwest Region, Oakley, May 11
- North Central Region, Beloit, May 31
- Northeast Region, Topeka, June 13

If you have ideas for regional meeting topics or questions regarding the meetings, please contact Teri Caudle at teri.caudle@ks.gov.

Kansas Systems of Care for CYSHCN Regional Meetings

by Kansas Special Health Care Needs



Are you interested in improving screening, assessment and referral for children and youth including those with special health care needs? Do you serve children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN)? Join the Kansas Special Health Care Needs (KS-SHCN) program in a discussion around screenings, assessments, referrals and transition services. Your feedback will help guide the development of the state plan to apply the National Standards for Systems of Care for CYSHCN within Kansas to strengthen collaboration, support systems integration and improve service delivery for CYSHCN. Meetings will be held throughout the state according to the following dates and locations:

- April 4 - Coffeyville
- April 13 - Wichita
- April 17 - Dodge City
- April 18 - Hays

Please RSVP through this [website](#) to participate in a meeting. For more information, contact 1-800-332-6262 or ksre-sourceguide@kdheks.gov. KS-SHCN is also seeking additional information and input through a community survey available [online](#). Please complete the survey by April 21.

April Focus - Brought to You by Kansas Health Matters



As teens and young adults begin to exercise independence and explore their limits, they often engage in behaviors that increase their risk of disease, injury, or even death. These behaviors include drug and alcohol use, driving under the influence, tobacco use, and unprotected sex. Sometimes these behaviors lead to other unintended consequences, such as violence and unintentional injury. See how your community fares in these risky behaviors on the Kansas Health Matters website: <https://goo.gl/N7YvKs>

Kansas Trauma Program Hosts 2017 Regional Trauma Symposiums in April and May



by the Kansas Trauma Program

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment's (KDHE's) Kansas Trauma Program will be hosting a symposium in each of the six trauma regions throughout the months of April and May. The dates and locations for the meetings are:

- Northeast Region, Topeka, April 10
- Southwest Region, Dodge City, April 12
- Southeast Region, Parsons, April 20
- South Central Region, Wichita, April 27
- North Central Region, Salina, May 10
- Northwest Region, Oakley, May 17

Register on KS-TRAIN, Course ID#1062872. For questions, contact Wendy Gronau at wendy.gronau@ks.gov.

Kansas Community Health Worker Symposium - June 8



by Alissa Rankin, Project Manager, Center for Public Health Initiatives
and Caitlin Brock, VISTA, Center for Public Health Initiatives

The Kansas Community Health Worker (CHW) Coalition is pleased to announce that the second annual Kansas Community Health Worker Symposium will be held on Thursday, June 8 at 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. This year's theme is *Building Bridges: A Community Health Worker Path to Health Equity*. The event will be held at Wichita State University in the Rhatigan Student Center ballroom. Registration will open online April 7. For more details, contact Alissa Rankin at alissa.rankin@wichita.edu.

Resource - Local Health Department - Community Health Center Collaboration Toolkit



by NACCHO

The National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) recently released the [Local Health Department- Community Health Center Collaboration Toolkit](#). This set of tools is designed to support collaborations between local health departments (LHDs) and community health centers (CHCs) to increase access to and quality of critical services for underserved populations. NACCHO is looking for LHDs to test the tools and provide feedback. They are interested in hearing from both LHDs who have existing partnerships with CHCs, as well as those who are interested in beginning to collaborate with a local CHC. If you are interested in trying out the toolkit and providing feedback, please complete a [short survey](#) to let NACCHO know. Questions can be directed to Melissa at mmayer@naccho.org.

Resource - Spectrum of Cross-Jurisdictional Sharing Arrangements



by the Center for Sharing Public Health Services

The Center for Sharing Public Health Services has updated its [Spectrum of Cross-Jurisdictional Sharing \(CJS\) Arrangements](#) resource. Conceptually the spectrum has not changed, but these updates were made to increase clarity. The spectrum identifies four main types of CJS arrangements: as-needed assistance; service-related arrangements; shared programs or functions; and regionalization/consolidation. Moving from left to right along the *Spectrum*, the level of service integration increases, the level of jurisdictional autonomy decreases and implementation becomes more complex, as can governance. Each type of arrangement can produce gains in effectiveness and efficiency, if implemented correctly following the steps outlined in the Center's *Roadmap to Develop Cross-Jurisdictional Sharing Initiatives*. The Center also has published a brief with more information about the *Spectrum*. Find it on the Center's [website](#). Questions about the *Spectrum* or requests for guidance with new or existing CJS initiatives can be directed towards phsharing@khi.org.

New Resources Available - DASH Eating Plan Presentation and Handout



by the Midwest Dairy Council

The Midwest Dairy Council is pleased to share two new nutrition education resources on the DASH Eating Plan tools. The DASH Eating Plan: Make Small Changes to Create a Healthier You, is a PowerPoint presentation for a consumer audience. Following the presentation, the handout, *The DASH Eating Plan* can be used to help participants start planning the small changes they will make to add DASH foods to their diet. This presentation can be used to educate clients, patients, and others on how they can make small changes to become healthier. Presenter notes are available within the PowerPoint. The PowerPoint presentation and the handout are available for download on the Midwest Dairy Council [website](#).

Managing Environmental Risk for Property Redevelopment Workshops - April 12 and April 13

by KDHE Division of Environment



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) will host two workshops next month to support property redevelopment. The Kansas Long-Term Stewardship Program Workshops, titled "Managing Environmental Risk for Property Redevelopment," will be held on April 12 at the Finnup Center for Conservation Education in Garden City and on April 13 at Tanganyika Wildlife Park in Goddard.

The workshops are designed to offer a set of tools to help prospective redevelopers, city and county officials, lenders, attorneys, and other stakeholders understand, manage and mitigate the risks associated with environmental contamination on redevelopment properties.

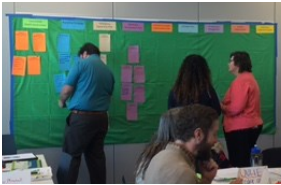
The workshops will cover the following topics:

- Contaminated Property Redevelopment Act authorizing the KDHE Secretary to issue Certificates of Environmental Liability Release to prospective purchasers of contaminated property
- Environmental Use Controls in property transactions and redevelopment projects
- Risk Management Program
- Kansas Brownfields Program Assistance and other redevelopment resources
- Online tools and resources for redevelopment planning

The workshops will support the efforts of commercial developers, lenders, real estate professionals, environmental consultants, construction managers, and economic development and land management authorities involved in property acquisition and redevelopment or foreclosures. To register for this event or for additional details, please visit the workshop [webpage](#).

2017 Kansas Accreditation Readiness Project (KARP) Summit

by Jessica Fiscus, Project Manager, Center for Public Health Initiatives



Representatives from five local health departments met on Friday, March 10, for the third annual Kansas Accreditation Readiness Project Summit sponsored by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). The summit was held in Topeka at the Kansas Health Institute (KHI) and facilitated by the Center for Public Health Initiatives at Wichita State University's Community Engagement Institute. Attendees included 17 individuals representing five local health departments, KDHE, KHI and the Kansas Association of

Local Health Departments. Throughout the course of the day, the eight prerequisites for Public Health Accreditation were reviewed, action plans developed and participants identified their needs for technical assistance. Charlotte Marthaler shared the Lawrence Douglas County Health Department's experiences with CHIP and Strategic Planning. Joanna Sabally presented about the Wyandotte County Health Departments QI Training partnership with WSU and KDHE. Attendees left with action plans specific to their organization for making progress on the prerequisites.



New TRAIN 3.0 Platform Goes Live

by Public Health Foundation



The Public Health Foundation (PHF) TRAIN team conducted a webinar on January 26 to introduce the new TRAIN 3.0 platform to the network of learners, course providers, affiliates and partners using TRAIN as their learning management system. The archived webinar, [The Evolution of Public Health Learning: Introducing the New TRAIN Learning Network Platform Webinar](#), Course ID# 1068667 is now available for viewing.

TRAIN 3.0 went live on January 30 for users at the national level and for CDC TRAIN. KS-TRAIN will go live to the new platform this fall. To test the new look of TRAIN go to www.train.org, there are new features still being enhanced such as the calendar, training plans and conferences. These changes will be available before Kansas goes live this fall.

The TRAIN 3.0 webinar demonstrated new features available, including:

- Mobile-friendly access, allowing learners to use TRAIN on a variety of devices
- Modern design that is easy to navigate
- Simplified account creation
- Improved advanced course search
- Streamlined learning record management, including transcripts and certificates.
- Increased support, including video tutorials and easy-to-understand documentation

Review and Comment on the CHW Core Consensus Project - Deadline April 30

by the C3 Project



The Community Health Worker (CHW) Core Consensus Project (C3) invites organizational sign-ons to its 2016 recommendations for a [consensus statement](#) of CHW roles (duties), skills and essential qualities in order to build a greater common understanding of this growing workforce. Individuals are also "invited to review and comment on the recommendations and officially recognize, acknowledge or endorse them as a fair representation of the nature of the CHW workforce." For more information e-mail info@c3project.org.

Accreditation Corner

PHAB Releases Reaccreditation Standards & Measures



The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) has released the [Guide to National Public Health Department Reaccreditation Process and Requirements](#). The Guide includes the official requirements and process for the reaccreditation of public health departments. The Guide pertains to accredited health departments that submitted their application for initial accreditation on or before June 30, 2016.

PHAB reaccreditation builds on initial accreditation, but it is very different. Both the requirements and the process for reaccreditation have been designed to ensure that accredited health departments continue to evolve, improve, and advance, thereby becoming increasingly effective at improving the health of the population they serve.

The [Guide to National Public Health Department Reaccreditation: Process and Requirements](#) contains the following:

- Description of the reaccreditation process: The process for a health department to be reaccredited is similar to initial accreditation, but it is more efficient with shorter timeframes and a virtual site visit. It will continue to be a peer-reviewed process. Like the process for initial accreditation, it was designed to encourage ongoing quality improvement.
- The new Reaccreditation Standards and Measures: The Standards and Measures for reaccreditation move away from demonstrating that the health department has capacities and instead focuses on the use of those capacities, accountability and continuous quality improvement.
- Description of the Population Health Outcomes Reporting requirement: The purpose of this requirement is for PHAB to begin to establish a national database of selected health outcomes and their associated objectives that accredited health departments have chosen to monitor. The Guide explains the purpose and process for the mandatory Population Health Outcomes Reporting.

Similar to the Initial Accreditation fee structure that went into effect on July 1, 2016, the reaccreditation fees will have a Reaccreditation Review Fee for the first year and then an ongoing Annual Accreditation Services Fee for each year thereafter. For future reaccreditation cycles, the health department will not pay an additional Reaccreditation Review Fee, as its cost will be included in the Annual Accreditation Services Fee. More information on the fees and what they cover can be found at [online](#).

Putting Performance Management into Action



Many health departments create their performance management system based on the requirements for public health department accreditation. However, that is just a start. Health departments often want a performance management plan to guide and support their work moving forward. The Public Health Foundation recently featured an article on its blog featuring suggestions and considerations on performance management from their Performance Improvement Specialist, Julie Sharp. Read her six suggestions on the [blog](#).

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Preparedness Corner

Kansas CMS Emergency Preparedness CoP Task Force

READY READER

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has released new Emergency Preparedness Conditions of Participation (CoP) for 17 different health and medical provider types. Kansas has developed this Task Force and associated newsletter to assist the regulated community in implementing activities to improve preparedness efforts and aid in meeting these new regulations. The Kansas CMS Emergency Preparedness CoP Task Force is an ad hoc group representing emergency preparedness professionals, regulators, and advocacy associations from Kansas concerned with promoting compliance with the new CMS Emergency Preparedness conditions. The Task Force consists of the Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) Preparedness, KDHE Health Facilities, KDHE Rural Health, Office of the State Fire Marshal, Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services, Kansas Division of Emergency Management, Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns, Kansas ADA Coordinator, Kansas Hospital Association, and Kansas Home Care Association.

The Task Force's newsletters, known as the Ready Reader, are available at <http://www.kdheks.gov/cphp/providers.htm> and new issues become available on Tuesdays. To receive the newsletter directly when it is released, send an email with your email address to Michael McNulty at mike.mculty@ks.gov.

Preparedness Training Opportunities - Live Events



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment Preparedness Program have identified a number of live, in-person trainings that may be of interest for staff. Information on each of the trainings including KS-TRAIN course numbers, target audience and the required prerequisites for the training.

- *April 3-4, Andover; April 18-19, Frontenac* - G300 Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents, [Course ID#1067262](#). This training is intended for individuals who may assume a supervisory role in emergency incidents. The training will include a discussion of NIMS Command and Management components; incident/event management process for supervisors prescribed by ICS; simulate the incident management process for expanding event; and develop an Incident Action Plan for simulated event. Prerequisites for this training include IS-100; IS-700; IS-800.
- *April 4-5, Wamego; April 5-6, Leavenworth* - G400 Advanced Incident Command System (ICS) course for Command and General Staff, Complex Incidents, and MACS, [Course ID#1067267](#). This training is intended for senior personnel who are expected to perform in a management capacity at an incident/event including individuals who may serve as Incident Commander or member of the command or general staff, area command, or multi-agency coordination group/EOC management. The training will cover topics such as special management challenges in major incidents; when an area command is established; when a multiagency coordination system is established; and use ICS to manage a simulated incident/event. In order to participate in this training, participants must have completed the following: IS-100; IS-200; IS-700; IS-800, G300/ICS 300.
- *April 5, Garden City* - Ebola Risk Communication Training, [Course ID #1065100](#). This training is targeted towards local health department public information officers participating in the KDHE Preparedness Supplemental Grant. This training will cover the following: introduction to risk/crisis communications; pre-crisis communication planning; effective messaging; and effective communication with media.
- *April 13-14, Garden City* - Basic Public Information Officer Course, [Course ID#1068753](#). The audience for this training is those who have public information responsibilities as their main job in incidents/events. This training will focus on how to communicate emergency public information effectively in writing to the public through the news media; actions PIOs can take to prepare for and conduct an effective interview; ability to answer questions effectively during on-camera interview; how to effectively perform the responsibilities of the PIO at the scene of an incident; and JIS/JIC concepts as they apply to the public information function in an expanding incident.
- *April 17, Manhattan* - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - Training, Use and Practice for Health and Medical Personnel, [Course ID#1068137](#). This training is attended for hospital staff, laboratory staff, infectious disease providers, local health department staff, EMS, and other professionals that will provide direct patient care using Tier 1 or Tier 2 PPE. This training is Ebola funded and will cover different levels of PPE; proper donning and doffing techniques; strategies to provide additional support in donning and doffing PPE including the buddy system; and practice of proper donning and doffing by participants.
- *April 25-28, Topeka* - Kansas Exercise Design course for Operations-Based Exercises. This event is for local and state officials who are responsible for the design and development of exercises and/or management of emergency preparedness exercise programs. The event will include an overview of operations-based exercises; developing/conducting a drill; an overview of functional exercises and case studies; functional exercise design and development; and evaluation design. The prerequisites for this event are IS-315 or G300/ICS 300; HSEEP Training; Kansas Exercise Design Course for Discussion-based Exercises.

Please contact Elisa Nehrbass at Elisa.Nehrbass@ks.gov or 785-296-1882 with any questions or concerns regarding these events.

Designing a Preparedness Program for People with Access and Functional Needs



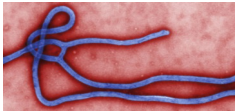
The Michigan's Kent County Health Department and its community partners designed and delivered a preparedness program for people with access and functional needs. This program aimed to increase the resilience of the residents and to identify peer trainers for future iterations of the program. More information about this program is available [online](#).

Preparedness Training Opportunities Updated on KS-TRAIN



Please visit the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) training information on the [KS-TRAIN Calendar](#) or the [KDEM Training Calendar](#) for a full list of upcoming learning opportunities. New sessions for G300 and G400 have been added for March and April. New training sites include Hoisington, Wamego and Andover. Remember when you enroll in G300 and G400 courses, KDEM will be reviewing your TRAIN Transcript for listings of the Emergency Management Institute required Independent Study courses: 700, 100, 200 and 800. Click here to view [FEMA IS Completion Instructions](#).

Preparedness Program Develops Ebola Online Course



The Preparedness Program at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment has developed an online course, [KDHE: Ebola and Other Infectious Diseases - Cleaning and Disinfecting Procedures, Course ID# 1067247](#) to meet public health workforce competency requirements and Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Local Public Health Ebola Supplemental Grant deliverables. It will meet work plan item 5 for those who receive the grant. The course is also beneficial for new employee orientation training, or as a refresher for healthcare personnel. At the conclusion of the one hour training you will be able to apply the proper cleaning and disinfecting procedures for the Ebola virus and other infectious diseases.

FEMA Student ID Numbers Now Required for Independent Study and KDEM Training



Starting January 2017, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) will require all training participants to have a [FEMA Student Identification System \(SID\)](#) number on file in their KS-TRAIN user profile. Please see the [flyer with instructions](#) on how to get your FEMA SID and how to enter the FEMA SID into your KS-TRAIN profile. A FEMA SID is required to register for and participate in any training provided by FEMA. All FEMA training providers' registration systems and enrollment procedures require a valid FEMA SID. The FEMA SID will serve as your unique identifier and be used to maintain the record of FEMA training you attended. To register or access your FEMA SID [click here](#).

In the near future, KDEM will be using your FEMA SID as your personal identification in an effort to help you keep better track of all your trainings in one central transcript including in-state and out-of-state trainings provided by FEMA and other approved vendors. To contact the KDEM staff call, 785-646-1412 or [email](#) Isabel Herrera.

If you have an inquiry regarding the FEMA Independent Study Program, NIMS or other EMI related requests, e.g. certificates, transcripts, & online test results, contact the FEMA Independent Study program office at 301-447-1200 or email Independent.Study@fema.dhs.gov for assistance. Please do not contact the FEMA SID Help Desk in regards to the Independent Study Program as they are unable to provide assistance with these requests.

Resource: CDC's Clear Communication Index



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers a tool, the [Clear Communication Index](#), that helps writers ensure their public health messages are clear. It uses a scoring system to rate the quality of the message's language and presentation. It can be used to assess any type of communication, from emails to podcasts. It is available to everyone. The Index scores 20 items and provides numerical scores for four main parts: core, behavior, numbers and risk. The scores for each section are combined into an average score; 90 or higher is considered passing.

To use the tool, click on the [widget](#) and answer the questions in the four parts. For more information on how to use the widget, view the [Clear Communication Index User Guide](#). The Index is easy to use and takes only 15 minutes to score material once you are comfortable with the process. Using this index promotes CDC's goal of improving health communication and enhancing the comprehension of public health messages. More information on the Index is available [online](#).

Population Health and Preparedness Statewide Webinar



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) hosts a Population Health and Preparedness Statewide Webinar on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. The next webinar will be April 25. To view minutes from the monthly calls, click the KDHE logo.

Funding Opportunities

Prevention of Opioid Misuse in Women - Deadline April 7



The United States Department of Health and Human Services is seeking applications from public and private nonprofit entities to address the primary and/or secondary prevention of prescription and non-prescription opioid misuse by women across their lifespan by identifying underserved audiences and the potential gaps in the ability to reach these populations. As background and for consideration, two such underserved populations are adolescent girls and women age 50 and older. By the time an adolescent girl reaches legal age, she has already had many opportunities to experiment and develop a substance use disorder to prescription or non-prescription opioids. Girls at this age are using harmful substances at a rate equal to and surpassing boys at this stage. Data from the 2014 and 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, show that girls, age 12 to 17, consistently used prescription and psychotherapeutics more than boys in the same age group. Older women are often overlooked as a target population by their health care providers because they often do not fit the stereotype of a misuser. But, older women are more prone to chronic pain, can have multiple health care providers for multiple chronic conditions, lack coordinated care, and have greater access to prescription drugs. Additionally, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, as of 2014, increased medication sensitivity, and slower metabolism and elimination coupled with cognitive decline can lead to improper use of medications. This makes this audience vulnerable targets for opioid misuse.

Eligibility requirements are outlined in the application. Any public or private nonprofit entity is eligible to apply including state governments, county governments, city governments, higher education institutions, and more. A successful applicant will have at least three partnerships included in the application, including at least one long-term partner. Long-term partnerships are defined as existing for three to five years prior to the application. Letters of support from community partners are required to demonstrate the applicant's ability to accomplish goals and objectives.

Proposals may address one of the following:

- Development and evaluation of an activity or series of activities followed by piloting and implementation
- Development and piloting of a tool (tangible, electronic or social media-based), decision aid, or other format that is required by the target community
- Development, further refinement, or wider awareness and adaptation of a health policy with measurement or impact.

Whether a prevention strategy, activity, tool, decision aid, or other format, all end products must be evidence-based, patient-centered, and encourage communication between women and health professionals that will advance shared decision making around primary or secondary prevention. Applicants are encouraged to make end product materials, programs or strategies available without cost to users. Interested applicants can view the [full application online](#).

Healthy Community Initiative: Improving Health Equity in Kansas – Deadline April 11



The Kansas Health Foundation has announced a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Healthy Community Initiative. The Healthy Community Initiative (HCI) seeks to support leadership teams in cities, towns, counties, or regions in Kansas to engage in advocacy efforts that will improve the health of people in Kansas experiencing poor health outcomes and create a network of community health advocates willing to learn and discover how to effectively impact the health of Kansans using a health equity lens. Through the Healthy Communities Initiative: Improving Health Equity in Kansas, the Kansas Health Foundation (KHF) will fund up to 20 Kansas cities, towns, counties, or multi county regions to address health equity within their communities.

The funds will support an organization, partnership or coalition to hire up to one FTE Community Liaison as well as provide additional funds to convene, mobilize, educate and directly engage community members. It is expected that leadership teams will include community members directly affected by the health inequity chosen to address through this initiative. Those organizations, staff, leadership teams and their broader coalition will become part of a statewide learning community to develop new local strategies to sustain healthy community work in Kansas into the future. As a result of this initiative:

- Communities will have stronger capacity to address health equity issues;
- Communities will authentically engage and include affected community members in the identification, decision making, and advocacy efforts to improve health outcomes;
- Communities will demonstrate greater civic engagement;
- Health issues will be addressed through policy and systems interventions;
- Local and State policy makers will understand how their actions support or undermine the health of local communities; and
- Communities will increase approaches towards sustainability by building new relationships and discovering new financing solutions.

Applicants are eligible to apply for a grant total of up to \$262,500 (\$75,000 per year) for 3.5 years beginning July 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2020. Visit KHF's [website](#) and [RFP](#) for more information on this opportunity; an informational [webinar](#) is also available. If you have programmatic questions, please contact Jeff Usher at (316) 262-7676 or jusher@khf.org. If you have questions regarding the online application process, please contact Blair Weibert at (316) 491-8413 or bweibert@khf.org.

Community Dental Health Grants - Deadline April 14



Community-based oral health programs in Kansas are encouraged to apply for grants up to \$150,000 for programs designed to improve oral health. Special consideration will be given to applicants whose programs focus on improving the oral health of low-income children and senior citizens; however, all grant submissions will be considered. Community Dental Health Grants will be provided for new initiatives, new components of existing programs, start-up funding or one-time events that will include one or more of the following grant criteria:

- Prevention and education
- Significant and/or large impact
- Sustainable, innovative solutions

The deadline for applications is April 14. In order to apply, applicants must first review the [grant guidelines](#) for instructions and information on submitting the full [grant application](#).

Grants are limited to projects related to the advancement of oral health. Grant applications should be for one year projects. Multi-year projects will not be considered. Examples of allowed projects:

- Dental supplies for charitable purposes
- Dental education materials
- Xylitol and fluoride products

Funding will not be provided for any administrative costs or individual treatment costs; additional projects or costs that are ineligible for funding are outlined in the [grant guidelines](#). To be eligible for funding consideration, an organization must be a:

- Public charity with tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- Public or governmental entity such as a school or health district, or
- Tribal organization with 7871 tax-exempt status

Three different levels of grants are available: small grants for up to \$15,000; medium grants of \$15,001 to \$35,000; and large grants of \$35,001 to \$150,000. Contact Delta Dental of Kansas' Community Benefit Department with questions at 316-462-3372 or corpcomm@deltadentalks.com.

Future of Population Health Award - Deadline April 21



The Future of Population Health Award recognizes exemplary practice by hospitals and health systems that are collaborating with public health departments and other community partners on health improvement strategies and implementation efforts. The Public Health Foundation (PHF) established this award to encourage hospitals and health systems to effectively address the upstream causes of population health challenges outside the hospital walls, and celebrate innovative, ambitious, and impactful local partnerships that emerge from those efforts. Working with hospitals, health systems, public health departments, and community partners nationwide for decades, PHF has observed groundbreaking practices to improve health outcomes. The Future of Population Health Award highlights these achievements and the brilliant leaders and organizations that are transforming the health of their communities for a better tomorrow.

For a hospital or health system to be eligible for the award, its health improvement strategy and implementation effort must meet the following criteria:

- Be ongoing in the community (cannot be a past program or one that is no longer operational);
- Be led or co-led by a local hospital or health system;
- Address a health challenge that was identified in a community health needs assessment or similar local assessment within the past three years;
- Take an innovative, upstream approach to making measurable improvement on a health challenge; and
- Be a partnership that includes at least one local public health department or state regional health department office in customizing and implementing an innovative strategy to address a health challenge (other local organizations may also be part of the initiative).

Examples of initiatives that reflect the spirit of the Future of Population Health Award include:

- Making nutritious food more accessible by building a grocery store in a community that has a food desert and including nutrition consultations as a service to consumers.
- Improving identification and management of depression utilizing a standardized screening tool across providers in the community.
- Improving diabetes management and monitoring by providing transportation to and instruction in a structured fitness regimen.
- Reducing addiction relapse by refurbishing old buildings to create stable housing for the homeless.

Applications for the 2017 Future of Population Health Award are being accepted through April 21, 2017. Use the [practice application](#) to prepare your responses, and then [click here to apply online](#). More information about this opportunity is available [online](#). Questions should be directed towards Margie Beaudry at 202-219-4415 or mbeaudry@phf.org.

SAMHSA's Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals - Deadline April 25



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), is currently accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2017 Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals (GBHI). The purpose of this program is to support the development and/or expansion of local implementation of a community infrastructure that integrates behavioral health treatment and services for substance use disorders (SUD) and co-occurring mental and substance use disorders (COD), permanent housing, and other critical services for individuals (including youth) and families experiencing homelessness.

SAMHSA funds will support three primary types of activities: 1) behavioral health and other recovery-oriented services; 2) coordination of housing and services that support the implementation and/or enhance the long-term sustainability of integrated community systems that provide permanent housing and supportive services to the target population; and 3) efforts to engage and connect clients who experience SUDs or CODs to enrollment resources for health insurance, Medicaid, and mainstream benefit programs (e.g. Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability Insurance, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs, etc.)

The grant funds must be used primarily to support direct services. This includes the following activities:

- Providing outreach and other engagement strategies to increase participation in, and access to, treatment for the population(s) of focus. If you are proposing to provide only outreach and other strategies to increase access, you must show that there are treatment services available and your organization has the ability to connect individuals with those services;
- Providing direct treatment (including screening, assessment, and care management) for the population(s) of focus. Treatment must be provided in outpatient, day treatment (including outreach-based services), intensive outpatient, or short-term residential programs (90 days or less in duration and at a cost not to exceed 6.5 percent of the total grant funds);
- Providing case management or other strategies to link with and retain clients in permanent housing and other necessary services, including but not limited to primary care services, and to coordinate these services with other services provided to the client;
- Engaging and enrolling the population(s) of focus or connecting the population(s) of focus to enrollment resources for Medicaid and other benefits programs (e.g. SSI/SSDI, TANF, SNAP, etc.); and
- Providing "wrap-around"/recovery support services (e.g., child care, vocational, educational, and transportation services) designed to improve access and retention in services. [Note: Grant funds may be used to purchase such services from another provider.]

Eligible applicants are public and private nonprofit entities such as local governments; public or private universities or colleges; community- and faith-based organizations; and federally recognized tribes and tribal organizations. The length of funded projects may be up to 5 years with an anticipated award amount of up to \$40,000 per year. More information about the grant requirements are available [online](#), including the requirements that must be addressed in applications within FOA Parts 1 and 2. Questions regarding the program can be addressed towards Valerie Tarantino at 240-276-1745 or Valerie.tarantino@samhsa.hhs.gov.

Fuel Up to Play 60 Grant for 2017 - 2018 School Year - Deadline June 14



Fuel Up to Play 60 offers funding opportunities to improve the healthy eating and physical activity options in schools. Visit FuelUpToPlay60.com to view the application. There is up to \$4,000 per year available to qualifying K-12 schools enrolled in Fuel Up to Play 60 to kick start healthy changes. To qualify for the competitive, nationwide funding program, the school must participate in the National School Lunch Program and have a registered [Program Advisor](#). There are two rounds of funding for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. The current funding round will open in mid-late April and the deadline for applications is Wednesday, June 14. To get started, you will choose one Healthy Eating Play and one Physical Activity Play from the [Playbook](#). The [School Wellness Investigation](#) will help you determine the Plays that work best for your school. More information about this funding opportunity is available [online](#).

Delta Dental of Kansas Grant Opportunity - Smile Kit Program



Delta Dental of Kansas offers a year-round grant opportunity through the Smile Kit Program. Through this program, Smile Kits are provided for Kansas-based programs and projects that include an oral health education or outreach component. A Smile Kit includes one toothbrush, one travel-sized toothpaste, one floss and one bag to hold contents.

Smile Kits may be requested once per calendar year by eligible organizations. To be eligible for consideration, an organization must meet one of the following:

- Public charity with tax-exempt status under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code
- Public or governmental entity such as a school or health department
- Tribal organization with 7871 tax-exempt status
- Churches and for-profit entities may apply if they are conducting a program or project that includes oral health education or outreach.

Requests for Smile Kits must be submitted a minimum of four weeks before the kits are needed. More information about this opportunity is available [online](#). Questions about the program can be directed to Delta Dental of Kansas' Community Benefit department at 316-462-3372 or corpcomm@deltadentalks.com.



Kansas Health Foundation - Impact and Capacity Grants Initiative

The Kansas Health Foundation is now receiving proposals for the Impact and Capacity Grants Initiative. This funding opportunity replaces the previously existing Recognition Grant Program and is designed to make funds available to a range of mission-aligned organizations actively working to reduce health disparities and promote health equity. The Impact and Capacity Grants Initiative is focused on two categories - impact grants which work in key health impact areas or capacity-building grants to build nonprofit capacity to address health disparities. This is an open application process with applications accepted through September 15, 2017, or until all 2017 funds are awarded.

All prospective applicants should carefully review the mission and strategic focus of Kansas Health Foundation (KHF), as well as the funding criteria before applying; this information is available in the [request for proposals](#) (RFP). All funding proposals are required to align with the mission of KHF, such as work supporting KHF's five impact areas of:

- Increasing access to health care;
- Decreasing tobacco use;
- Increasing physical activity;
- Increasing healthy food access; and
- Improving civic health.

As it relates to proposals for the impact grants, preference is given to proposals describing a health policy, systems or environmental-focused effort which demonstrates the opportunity to address health disparities in one or more of KHF's five impact areas which adversely affect groups of people who have systematically experienced greater obstacles to health. Available funding is designated to support new efforts and may not be used for long-term, ongoing or recurring programmatic efforts.

For the capacity building grants, preference will be given to proposals for non-recurring internal capacity building needs for organizations addressing health disparities which adversely affect groups of people who have systematically experienced greater obstacles to health based on characteristics historically linked to discrimination or exclusion. This track is open to all mission-aligned organizations actively working to reduce health disparities and promote health equity and is not limited to KHF's five impact areas.

The maximum grant size is \$25,000, and the maximum grant term is two years. In order to be eligible, 50 percent or more of the organization's target population must reside in Kansas. Please note that only one proposal from each organization will be accepted per year. Further information on the funding opportunity, including funding exclusions and criteria for consideration are outlined in the [RFP](#). Additional information about the funding opportunity, including the instructions, templates and the RFP is available [online](#). Please submit any questions regarding the Impact and Capacity Grants Initiative RFP via e-mail, with the subject "Impact and Capacity Grants Question," to Blair Weibert, Program Assistant, at bweibert@khf.org.

Training and Conference Announcements

Webinar - Connecting Public Health and Food Sector Collaborators - April 5



Dialogue4Health will host a webinar on April 5, 1 p.m. as a part of its Connecting Public and Food Sector Collaborators webinar series. The webinar will focus on reducing sodium in food service settings. More than 75% of the sodium Americans consume comes from processed and restaurant foods before salt is added at the table, leaving little choice for consumers trying to limit their intake. Therefore, reducing population sodium intake requires increased availability of lower sodium packaged and restaurant foods. Members of the food service system, such as food service operators, distributors and manufacturers, influence the foods that are available and served to consumers. Other influencers include government and private entities; industry, trade and community groups; and consumers, all of which can drive demand. These groups must work together to reduce sodium content in the food supply. This webinar will share research results on the strategies and promising practices for implementing healthy food guidelines in hospital and federal worksite cafeterias, feature the valuable perspective from the food service director's point of view and highlight credible rationale, tools and resources from the federal level. Register for the webinar [online](#). Recordings of previous webinars in the series at Dialogue4Health's [website](#).

Webinar - Every Student Succeeds Act and the Child Nutrition Programs - April 13



The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and replaces No Child Left Behind. Under ESSA, each state must develop an education plan that includes accountability measures and the kinds of supports that schools in the state will use to track and improve student outcomes. These plans create an important opportunity to increase access to school breakfast, as well as the afterschool and summer nutrition programs. Join the Food Research & Action Center on April 13, 2 p.m., to learn more about the process and how you can engage. Register for the webinar [online](#).

Webinar - NACCHO Performance Improvement Webinar - April 13



The National Association of County & City Health Officials' will host the next webinar of their performance improvement series on April 13, 12 p.m. The webinar, Health Equity in Performance Improvement, will feature strategies for incorporating health equity into health departments' internal and external performance improvement work. Two local health departments and partners will present on ways in which a commitment to health equity shapes their performance improvement work: one in community health assessment and improvement planning (CHA/CHIP) and one in quality improvement and performance management. Participants will learn how committing to the advancement of health equity can guide performance improvement efforts. Additional information about the webinar is available [online](#). Register for the webinar [here](#).

CDC Grand Rounds Upcoming Sessions - 2017



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention conducts [monthly webinars](#) on current public health topics. Upcoming learning events include:

- April 18: National Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Registry: Impact, Challenges, and Future Directions
- May 15: Encore Presentation: Emerging Tickborne Diseases
- June 20: Promoting Hearing Health Across the Lifespan

Free [continuing education credit](#) is available for nurses, physicians and health educators through the [CDC/ATSDR Training and Continuing Education Online system](#).

Webinar - America Walks: An Inter-Modal Strategy for Creating Strong Neighborhoods - April 18



America Walks is hosting a webinar on April 18, 1 p.m. with the [Transit-Walkability Collaborative \(TWC\)](#). Consisting of local, statewide, and national walkability and transit advocacy groups, the TWC exists to promote the benefits of walkable, transit-rich communities. This webinar will include presentations and discussion from several members of the TWC, the release of a Fact Sheet providing critical data to support walkability and transit advocacy, and the launch of a National Survey designed to collect information about existing local collaborations. More information about the speakers and the agenda for the webinar can be found [online](#). Attendees will learn about the Collaborative; understand the compounding, multi-faceted benefits of walkable, transit-rich communities; have access to the new, research-based TWC Fact Sheet; and start to develop a policy toolkit for creating walkable, transit-rich communities. Register [online](#) for the webinar.

Diversity and Inclusion Symposium: Refugees in the Health System - April 18



The University of Kansas Medical Center invites the public to attend the Diversity and Inclusion Symposium on April 18, 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. The event will be held at the School of Nursing Auditorium and Atrium. For more information about the event or to register, please contact Alexa Smith at asmith5@kumc.edu or 913-588-2747.

Webinar - Breastfeeding in the Community: Moving from National Initiatives to Local Programs - April 19



On April 19 at 1:00 p.m., the fifth webinar in the NACCHO Public Health Breastfeeding Series, will explore how breastfeeding has been woven into the performance measures of national public health programs, such as Title V, Healthy Start, Early Head Start, and Maternal Infant and Early Childhood and Home Visiting (MIECHV). The webinar will address how frontline public health professionals can engage these programs to advance breastfeeding initiatives at the community level. Public health practitioners will provide insight from their organizational experience supporting the implementation of local breastfeeding initiatives through national public health programs. The Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition will be featured as one of the speakers in this webinar. More information about the webinar is available [online](#). Register for the webinar [here](#).

Webinar - Preventing & Managing Congenital Zika and Congenital Syphilis Infections - April 19



The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Center for STI Prevention along with the STD/HIV Prevention Training Center at John Hopkins; the Mid-Atlantic Regional Public Health Training Center; MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society; and MedChi's Center for Healthy Maryland will host a webinar on April 19, 11 a.m. As a response to the emerging crisis of congenital Zika infections and the increasing number of congenital Syphilis cases nationwide, the webinar will provide essential information on prevention, diagnosis and management of congenital Zika and congenital Syphilis infections. More information about the webinar can be found [online](#). Registration is not required; participants will log on to www.jhsph.edu/maphtc at the time of the webinar. For more information, please contact the Mid-Atlantic Regional Public Health Training Center at maphtc@jhu.edu.

Webinar - HPV Vaccinations: From Recommendations to Practice - April 19



Join the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases on April 19, 11 a.m. for a webinar on implementing recommendations for HPV vaccinations. Human papillomaviruses (HPV) cause over 31,000 cases of cancer in the US each year. Join NFID President-Elect Joseph A. Bocchini, Jr., MD, Professor and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics Health Sciences Center at Louisiana State University and Tracy Bieber, RN, BSN, Immunization Strategy Manager at Sanford Health System for an update on current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations regarding the use of HPV vaccines and strategies for improving immunization rates. More information about the webinar, including the learning objectives is available [online](#). Register for this webinar [online](#).

New Kansas Developed Online Courses Posted to KS-TRAIN



Successfully Dealing with Challenging Customers, Course ID# 1069122 is a new one hour online course developed to equip employees with knowledge needed to work with challenging customers and how best to serve those customers effectively. Upon completion of this online course, participants will be able to identify reasons customers may appear unreasonable, what gets in the way of working with challenging customers and describe the importance and best practices of effective communication with your customers, using active listening skills and powerful questions.

KDHE: School Bullying Policy Analysis: A Toolkit for Schools, Course ID# 1064735 will provide school principals, counselors, and others in the school community with the skills to analyze their school/district's bullying policy. Upon completion of this course, learners will be able to: identify the key components of a comprehensive school bullying policy, explain how to conduct an analysis of a school bullying policy and determine the process for changing the school bullying policy in their school district

Performing a Thorough Medication Reconciliation, Course ID#1069424 is brought to you by the Topeka Community of Care. The goals for this program are to define medication reconciliation and identify its significance. The course will also discuss the goals and barriers of medication reconciliation. From there you will review the medication reconciliation process and what it entails. Finally, you will explore different interviewing techniques that can be used when reviewing and updating a client's medication list. At the conclusion of this module, learners will be able to demonstrate the process of medication reconciliation and apply interviewing techniques for obtaining medication lists from consumers. One CNE contact hour is available post completing this online module.

Qualified Interpreting for Quality Health Care: A Training Video for Clinical Staff on How to Work with Interpreters, Course ID# 1069374 is an instructional video for clinicians in all disciplines who may work with patients experiencing language barriers. This course covers the following topics:

- Why it is important to use a qualified interpreter instead of "getting by" with hand gestures and limited second-language skills;
- Key protocols for language interpreting, such as confidentiality and first-person interpreting;
- Cultural considerations;
- Tips for using remote interpreters (telephonic and video).

At the conclusion of this video learners will be able to: identify situations in which language interpretation is needed; understand the SPEC+1 protocols for interviewing a patient through an interpreter; anticipate and recognize possible cultural barriers to understanding; and how to work effectively with interpreters, whether they are physically present, or at a remote location such as a telephone or video conference.

Webinar - Guidelines for Successful Transition of People with Mental or Substance Use Disorders from Jail and Prison - April 20



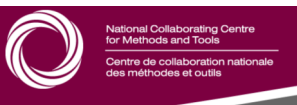
The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) will be hosting a webinar on April 20, 1 p.m., to provide an overview of the key elements of their recently published guide, *Guidelines for Successful Transition of People with Mental or Substance Use Disorders from Jail and Prison*. The webinar will also include examples of successful implementation of the guidelines in local jails. Register for the webinar [online](#).

Advances in Blood and Marrow Transplantation 2017 Symposium - April 22



The University of Kansas Cancer Center is offering an continuing education opportunity with the *Advances in Blood and Marrow Transplantation 2017 Symposium* on April 22, 8:45 a.m. - 4 p.m. The symposium will review the latest advances in the field of autologous and allogeneic transplantation. In this program, attendees will explore the current state-of-the-art treatment strategies, clinical trials research and outcomes of both autologous and allogeneic (related and unrelated donor) transplants to aid in clinical decision making. The day will offer opportunities to discuss optimal pathways of care for patients with highly variable and complex hematological malignancies. The deadline for registration is April 14. Registration is free and will include course materials, continental breakfast, lunch, refreshments and continuing education credits. Register for the program [online](#).

Webinar - Menu Labelling for Reducing Energy Ordered and Consumed: What's the Evidence? - April 24



The National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools and Health Evidence will host a webinar on April 24 at 9 a.m. This webinar will examine the effectiveness of menu labeling to reduce energy consumed in the eating-out environment. Menu labeling is a tool to inform consumers of energy content of meals in the eating-out environment and help consumers make informed decisions. This review examines the effectiveness of menu labeling to reduce energy consumption. Fifteen studies including 17,859 participants are included in this review. Evidence suggests that menu labeling reduces overall energy consumed and ordered in the eating-out environment. More information about the webinar is available [online](#). Register for the webinar [here](#).

Webinar - Community-Wide Interventions That Have Health Impact in 5 Years (HI-5): An In-Depth Look at Public Transportation Expansion - April 26



Dialogue4 Health is partnering with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Network of Public Health Institutes to offer a webinar on April 26, 12 p.m. The webinar will focus on the CDC's Health Impact in Five Years, or HI-5 (high-five) initiative; this initiative highlights a list of non-clinical, community-wide approaches with a proven track record. Each intervention listed is associated with improved health within five years and is reported to be cost-effective or cost-saving over the lifetime of the population or even earlier. Public and private organizations can use this list to quickly assess the scientific evidence for short-term health outcomes and overall cost impacts of community-wide approaches.

This webinar is a part of a Web Forum series highlighting specific interventions identified in the HI-5 initiative, and provides stakeholders with the opportunity to hear real world examples of how local and state-level organizations have expanded public transportation to meet needs of their communities. Presenters will provide a brief overview of the HI-5 initiative and describe their national and local experiences with introducing and expanding public transportation services. Public health professionals, community-based organizations, and urban planners are encouraged to join for this free one-hour Web Forum. More information about the webinar can be found [online](#). Register for the webinar [here](#).

Webinar - Moving from Assessment to Action in Community Health Improvement - May 1



The Public Health Foundation (PHF) and the Association for Community Health Improvement (ACHI) will host a webinar on May 1, 2 p.m., focusing on taking action in support of community health improvement. Featuring two communities participating in the [Using The Community Guide for Community Health Improvement](#) pilot initiative, this webinar will offer an overview of the initiative to date and highlight the stories of those participating. The presenters will also discuss their use of the [population health driver diagram framework](#) to take action and implement community health improvement activities to address behavioral health needs. More information about the webinar is available on the PHF [website](#). Register [online](#) to participate in the webinar.

Webinar - Research Update on the DASH Dietary Pattern - May 2



The Midwest Dairy Council invites you to attend a webinar focusing on research updates on the DASH diet on May 2, 12 p.m. The Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) dietary eating pattern, which emphasizes low-fat and non-fat dairy products, fruit, vegetables and whole grains is one of the most widely prescribed dietary modifications for reducing blood pressure (BP) and cardiovascular disease risk.

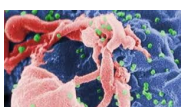
Join Ronald M. Krauss, MD, senior scientist and director of atherosclerosis research at Children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute, as he presents the latest research that supports the DASH Eating Plan as a tool for the prevention of a variety of health conditions, with a specific focus on key food components. In this webinar Dr. Krauss, will review research on the modification of the DASH diet to allow for more liberal total and saturated fat intake, in conjunction with moderate carbohydrate intake resulting in similar benefits to BP and no deleterious effects on lipid risk factors. There is evidence that long-term compliance to diets with reduced saturated fat is poor, even with intensive counseling, and that moderate-fat diets may yield better dietary adherence than low-fat diets. Dr. Krauss will be joined by a registered dietitian who will share practical applications to translate the DASH diet into real-life situations for dietitians and other health professionals. Continuing education units are available for registered dietitians and physicians. Register for the webinar [here](#).

Vision Screening Workshops - May 5



The Kansas University Area Health Education Center has announced that registration is open for a Vision Screening Workshops. The workshop will be held in Wichita on May 5. The workshop is designed to provide vision screening theory and practices for nurses and other service providers in public health, schools and community work sites. Participants will be able to utilize the information and skills to perform standardized vision screening techniques for children and youth. The Vision Screening Guidelines for Infants, Toddlers, Children and Youth, June 2004, Fifth Edition, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau for Children, Youth and Families will be utilized in the workshop. More information about each workshop is available [online](#) or by contacting the KU Area Health Education Center's statewide office at 620-235-4040. A registration form, online registration and a flyer about the workshop are also available [online](#).

Kansas Infectious Disease Symposium - May 9-10



Johnson County Department of Health and Environment invites you to attend the Kansas Infectious Disease Symposium on May 9-10. Join leaders in public health, emergency response, preparedness and healthcare to learn how highly infectious disease outbreaks are contained and managed in the state of Kansas. Network with local, state and federal partners to share Kansas-specific information on how to plan for disease outbreaks and maintain readiness in your jurisdiction. The symposium will include presentations on logistics and emergency management coordination, isolation and quarantine law, pandemic preparedness and more. There is no cost to attend the two-day event. Attendees are responsible for their own travel and lodging expenses. Register on [KS-TRAIN](#), [Course ID# 1068312](#). Registration closes on Monday, May 1. A discounted lodging rate is available for the Marriott Kansas City in Overland Park. The last day to [make a reservation](#) for the discounted lodging rate is April 17. More information about this event is available on [KS-TRAIN](#).

Tobacco Treatment Specialist Core Training - May 23-26



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Shawnee County Health Department

The University of Kansas Medical Center is partnering with the Shawnee County Health Department to bring the highly reputable Tobacco Treatment Specialist (TTS) training from University of Massachusetts to Topeka. The Tobacco Treatment Specialist (TTS) Core Training is an intensive 3 ½ day, evidence-based training program designed for persons needing moderate to intensive tobacco treatment services. The curriculum is designed to address a set of core competencies for tobacco treatment specialists defined by the Association for the Treatment of Tobacco Use and Dependence (ATTUD). The course is designed for anyone providing care in a behavioral health setting who wants to master the necessary core competencies for providing evidence-based treatment for tobacco dependence. There are 15 scholarships for tobacco treatment providers in Shawnee County. Providers include health educators, social workers, respiratory therapists, dental hygienists, substance abuse counselors, nurses, administrators, physicians, and many other health professionals. More information on the training and the benefits of the training is available [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#). [Click here](#) to register. Participants are encouraged to register early as there are limited seats.

Kansas State of Wellness Symposium - May 24



WorkWell KS is hosting the [Kansas State of Wellness Symposium](#) on May 24. The symposium will be at the Salina Bicentennial Center. As a part of the event, worksites, organizations, and communities that are making strides toward improving health will be recognized at the Kansas State of Wellness Symposium. More information about the WorkWell KS and the event is available [online](#).

Kansas Accreditation Readiness Project's Webinars Domains 1 - 12



The Center for Public Health Initiatives at Wichita State University has developed 12 extremely short webinars, only ten minutes each, to review each domain of the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) standards and measures. These could be helpful as an orientation to public health for new staff or students. To view these webinars, please visit [KS-TRAIN](#) or see them from the new Community Engagement Institute [webpage](#).

News and Resources

Bottled Water, Not Soda, is U.S.'s Fave Drink



[Bottled water](#) has overtaken carbonated soft drinks as the most popular beverage in the U.S., a sign that consumers' desire may finally be turning to nature's original healthy, low-calorie drink option, a study shows. Americans bought 12.8 billion gallons of bottled water in 2016, up close to 9 percent over 2015, says Beverage Marketing, a research and consulting company, some 400 million gallons more than the 12.4 billion gallons of carbonated soft drinks that they consumed.

As Obesity Keeps Rising, More Americans Are Just Giving Up



It stands to reason that if you know you're overweight or obese, and you know your extra pounds are unhealthy, that you've made a stab at losing weight. Right? Not so much anymore, [new research shows](#). The proportion of American adults who were either overweight or obese has been growing steadily for decades, rising from about 53% a generation ago to roughly 66% more recently. But the share of these adults who had gone on a diet dropped during the same period, [researchers reported](#) recently in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

NACCHO Podcast - Implementing the Chief Health Strategist Framework



The National Association of City & County Health Officials (NACCHO) Podcast Series recently made a podcast available featuring an interview with the Baltimore City Health Commissioner Dr. Leana Wen. In the podcast, she discusses the Chief Health Strategist position in Baltimore City. Dr. Wen describes how the Chief Health Strategist framework addresses needs and issues of local health officials in Baltimore and throughout the country. The podcast can be accessed [online](#).

Doctors Consider Ethics Of Costly Heart Surgery For People Addicted to Opioids



In his [late 20s](#), Christopher Milford of East Boston, got high on some OxyContin his friend gave him. Milford had endocarditis, which is essentially an abscess on one of his heart valves. He spent seven weeks in the hospital on intravenous antibiotics. Eventually, he went back home, but he kept injecting drugs, and he got endocarditis two more times. Milford is part of a group of opioid addicts whom doctors describe as the sickest of the sick: intravenous drug users, mostly people who use heroin, who get endocarditis. Some aspects of their treatment present an ethical dilemma for doctors. Cardiologists, surgeons and infectious disease doctors can fix the infection, but not the underlying problem of [addiction](#).

2017 Schedule Meetings and Conferences Impacting Local Public Health Agencies

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Price Changes May Affect Food Buying Decisions

Research found [price changes](#) of 10 percent to 50 percent may influence purchases of healthy and unhealthy foods and beverages. The review in the journal PLOS ONE of 30 studies showed produce consumption increased 14 percent for each 10 percent decrease in price, while a 10 percent price hike in the cost of sugar-sweetened beverages and fast food led to consumption decreases of 7 percent and 3 percent, respectively.

Depression the Leading Cause of Ill Health and Disability Worldwide, WHO Says



Depression is now the [leading cause](#) of ill health and disability in the world, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), following a huge spike in the number of people who report living with the condition. The condition has overtaken lower respiratory disease as the biggest global health problem, with latest figures showing more than 300 million people worldwide have a diagnosis of depression, an increase of more than 18 per cent between 2006 and 2015.

Resource: Haz-Map Database



[Haz-Map](#) is an occupational health database designed for health and safety professionals and for consumers seeking information about the adverse effects of workplace exposures to chemical and biological agents. Haz-Map is a website created by the National Institute of Health.

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